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Sir/Madam,

Subject: International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer, 16 September 2014

It is my pleasure to invite you to celebrate the 2014 International Day for the Preservation of the Ozone Layer on 16 September, the day that was proclaimed as such by the resolution adopted by the United Nations General Assembly in 1994.

The theme for this year's celebration is **"Ozone Layer Protection: The Mission Goes On"**. The Montreal Protocol on Substances that Deplete the Ozone Layer has so far been successful in meeting some of its targets on phasing out ozone-depleting substances. As a result, the abundance of ozone-depleting substances in the atmosphere is declining and the ozone layer is expected to recover around the middle of this century. There are, however, some remaining challenges to the phase-out of ozone-depleting substances.

This year's theme seeks to galvanize all stakeholders to increase their efforts to address the challenges. It was selected following an online voting exercise.

On this occasion, the Secretariat would be pleased to receive from your Government information on any plans for the celebration in your country. These plans will be shared on the Secretariat's website (<http://ozone.unep.org>) for wide dissemination. Kindly send your plans by 31 July 2014 to the Ozone Secretariat at ozoneinfo@unep.org.

The Secretariat is seeking to provide limited financial assistance estimated at US\$2,500 each to four developing countries to organize national activities. Such assistance will be based on proposed activities and equitable geographical representation.

Please find enclosed a list of ideas on events that you could incorporate into your activities. Kindly send to the Secretariat examples of any publications, visual aids, photos or media coverage of your activities related to this year's celebrations. Such materials will also be posted on our website.

Please accept, Sir/Madam, the assurances of my highest consideration.

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